

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): By people in charge, does the Member mean the managers?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): No teachers and headmasters.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to part (e), may I know whether the Director keeps in his office a list of the members of the staff of aided schools?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason why that information has not been furnished?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The information has been furnished in answer to part (c).

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member how many are related to members from the aided schools.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Information as to how many are related is not available.

Work of the Education Advisory Board.

206. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) when the Education Advisory Board met for the first time;
- (b) how many meetings of the Board were held;
- (c) how many members were present on each occasion;
- (d) the members who were absent, and the reason or reasons for their absence;
- (e) the proposals that were discussed in the Board meeting; and
- (f) the proposals that were passed or adopted in the meeting or meetings?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) 20th December 1933.

(b) One.

(c) Eighteen including the Chairman and the Secretary.

(d) Mr. Changanachery K. Paramesvaran Pillai B. A. & B.L. (out of station)

Mr. K. Sivarama Panickar B. A. L. T. (Illness).

Mr. A. Thanu Pillai B. A. B. L. (Illness)

Mr. C. M. Joseph (Another engagement).

(e) A copy of the * agenda for the meeting is placed on the table.

(f) The Board accepted the recommendations of the Committee in respect of all the items placed before them.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether in the discussion in the Board meeting the suggestions made by the members of the Assembly on the floor of the House were taken into consideration?

*Vide Appendix X.

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): That, Sir arises in the next question.

The Educational Reforms Committee Report.

207. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) what action or actions the Director of Public Instruction has taken in the light of discussions in the 2nd Session of the Assembly on the Report of the Education Reforms Committee ;

(b) whether the Director has paid any heed to the criticisms made by the majority of the members during the course of discussion of the Report in the Assembly ; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, what action the Director has taken upon them ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (a) The composition of the Advisory Education Board was revised in accordance with the wishes of the Assembly and the major recommendations regarding the reorganisation of the Inspectorate and Mass Education contained in the Education Reforms Committee Report have been placed before Government after being considered by the Advisory Board.

(b) Yes.

(c) The member is referred to the answer to part (a).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the recommendations made in the Advisory Board were forwarded to Government in toto ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Not all the recommendations placed before the Advisory Board were sent to Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member why some of the recommendations that were made by the Advisory Board were not forwarded to Government ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The recommendations discussed in the Advisory Board are being submitted to Government one by one and all the recommendations have not reached the Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the Government intend sanctioning the recommendations that were made by the member ?

PRESIDENT : The question is overruled.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether Government have sanctioned any of the recommendations of the Advisory Board ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member which recommendation has been sanctioned by the Government ?

* *Vide* Appendix X.

Appendix X.*(Vide Question No. 206 part (e).)***Agenda for the Meeting of the Educational Advisory Board.**

1. The re-organisation of the Inspectorate.
2. The adoption of the system of mixed primary schools.
3. The extension of the primary classes up to the Fifth class.
4. The recognition of primary classes attached to English Schools, including Kindergarten and Nursery Schools.
5. The gradual closure of Vernacular middle schools and the stoppage of the V. S. L. Examination.
6. The amalgamation of the Colleges.
7. The introduction of optional subjects in the E. S. L. C. Course and the introduction of special subjects for Girls' High Schools.
8. The undertaking by Government of an industrial survey.
9. The opening of experimental vocational bias schools, after the primary stage.
10. The abolition of the existing waiting lists.
11. The employment of married women in certain posts in the department.
12. The adjustment of school hours in Vernacular Schools.
13. The appointment of Local Attendance Committee for primary schools.
14. The adoption of the Vernaculars as the medium of instruction in English Schools.
15. The proposals in the report regarding religious instruction.
16. Compulsory manual work in English Schools.
17. The raising of standards for admission to Colleges.